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## **MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES MAY 24, 2021 EFFECTIVE DATE OF REVISED DTS RULES FOR FULL-POWER TELEVISION BROADCAST STATIONS**

### **MB Docket No. 20-74 and GN Docket No. 16-142**

On January 19, 2021, the Commission released a Report and Order (*R&O*) in its proceeding to address technical issues that may impede the adoption of distributed transmission system (DTS) by a broadcast television station.<sup>1</sup> The *R&O* revised the Commission's DTS rules for full-power television stations and created new DTS rules for low-power television stations.<sup>2</sup> On April 16, 2021, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the form changes associated with the DTS rule revisions for full-power television stations.

By this *Public Notice*, the Media Bureau announces that summary of the *R&O*, including notice of the effective date for the rule changes applicable to full-power television stations, was published in the *Federal Register* on April 22, 2021,<sup>3</sup> announcing that the effective date for modified section 73.626 is May 24, 2021.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Rules Governing the Use of Distributed Transmission System Technologies, Authorizing Permissive Use of the "Next Generation" Broadcast Television Standard*, MB Docket No. 20-74, GN Docket No. 16-142, Report and Order, FCC 21-21, 36 FCC Rcd 1227 (2021).

<sup>2</sup> The DTS rule changes for full-power television stations include modifications to paragraphs (c) and (f)(2) of section 73.626 of the Commission's rules. The DTS rule changes for low-power television stations include adding paragraph (e) to section 73.6010, revising section 73.6023, and adding section 74.720 to subpart G of Part 74 of the Commission's rules.

<sup>3</sup> *Rules Governing the Use of Distributed Transmission System Technologies, Authorizing Permissive Use of the "Next Generation" Broadcast Television Standard*, 86 Fed. Reg. 21217 (Apr. 22, 2021).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 21217. DTS rule changes for low-power television stations are delayed pending OMB approval. When OMB approves the changes for low-power television stations, the Media Bureau will announce the effective date of those rules.